



## Williamsburg Parks and Recreation Department

### Adult Fall Softball Guidelines

### 2006

1. **Official Rules** – leagues will be governed by the 2006 Official Softball Rules published by the National Softball Association (NSA) and the guidelines set forth by the Williamsburg Parks and Recreation Department
2. **Player Eligibility** – players may participate on one (1) team participating in the Williamsburg Recreation Adult Softball Program. Players are legally on the first team they play for. Each participant must be at least 17 years old to participate in the league.

Players must be on the roster in the Department by 4:30 p.m. on game day to be eligible for games played that night (by Friday for weekend games). Players are not on the roster and eligible to play until their name, address, and phone number has been listed.

Each player is required to bring a picture-ID with him/her to every game, and will be required to present it upon request. Any team that plays an ineligible player will be charged with a forfeiture for all games in which the player has participated.

3. **Team Rosters** – team rosters shall not exceed 20 players. Rosters will be frozen Friday, September 22, 2006.

The Williamsburg Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to move a team to a higher or lower league once the season has started.

4. **Uniforms** – Each player participating in a league or tournament game must wear a uniform shirt alike in color.
5. **Game Balls and Lineups** - at least one (1) new ball will be provided for each game; optic .44 core ball.

Team lineups are due five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled game time.

6. **Game Time Limit** – a 55-minute time is imposed on each game. All ties will be played out. There are no grace periods.
7. **Regulation Game** – Five (5) innings of play will be considered an official game if the home team is ahead by ten (10) runs or more; 15 runs after 4 innings or 20 runs after 3 innings.

All games will be played with a 1-1 count with a courtesy foul. Homeruns do not have to be run out, however, the batter must touch first base.

Teams may begin a game with 9 players and the 10<sup>th</sup> vacant spot in the batting lineup will not be an out.

In the event of inclement weather or equipment failure, four (4) innings of play will constitute an official game (3 ½ if home team is ahead). If a game is called and not enough innings have been played to make it official it will be rescheduled and started over.

8. **Open Defensive Substitutions** – any ten (10) players can take a defensive position at any time. A substitution will only count when there is a change in the batting lineup. If you play ten (10) players on defense you must have at least ten (10) in the batting lineup.
9. **Automatic Suspensions** - any team member ejected from a game shall be suspended from the next two (2) games to be played by his/her team. Any team member ejected from a tournament game will be suspended from the remainder of

the tournament. Two (2) ejections automatically eliminate a player/coach for the remainder of the season.

Any ejected player must leave the park. If the ejected player does not leave the umpire will forfeit his/her current game.

10. **Forfeitures** – Any team that is charged with four (4) forfeitures during the regular season will be removed from any end-of-season tournament play.
11. **Protest** – A protest of a game must be made to the umpire immediately before the next pitch is made to the batter.

Protests shall be in writing, stating player or rule in question and be accompanied by a \$100 fee. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. The protest must be submitted to the Department by the close of business the following day from which the game in question was played.

Ejection of players/coaches are judgment calls and cannot be protested.

Any protest that arises during tournament games will be handled at the time of infraction by the game officials. Protests made after the resumption of play will not be considered.

12. **Game Cancellation and Make Up Game** – Coaches and players should call the Department's activity hotline at 259-3777 regarding game cancellations.

Any game cancelled after 5:00 p.m. will be cancelled at the field.

Make up games will be rescheduled on any available date and field. Consideration will not be given to teams scheduled to play in other leagues or tournaments.

13. **End-of Season Tournament** – to participate in the end-of-season tournament, a team member must have played in at least four (4) games during the regular season. A minimum of the top four teams per league will participate in the end-of-season single elimination tournament.

In the event that team standings are tied, head-to-head results will be the determining factor. If a tie still exists, runs yielded between the tied teams will be the determining factor. Exception: if there is a tie for first place a play-off game will be played to determine the winner.

14. **Alcoholic Beverages/ Illegal Substances** – the use of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances on City property is prohibited. Anyone caught using them shall be subject to arrest. Any players caught using illegal substances or consuming alcoholic beverages will be suspended from the league indefinitely.

15. **Safety Rules** – all players shall participate at their own risk. The City of Williamsburg is not responsible for any injuries incurred during practices, league or tournament play.

Metal cleats are prohibited. Only softball bats that read "Official Softball" with a BPF of 1.2 or less will be allowed. A list of approved NSA bats is available at [www.playNSA.com](http://www.playNSA.com)

Orange Safety Base – if the first play is at first base, either from the infield or outfield, a runner will be called out for touching the inside base. If the play is elsewhere, the inside base may be tagged in a continuation toward second base.

Smoking is not allowed on the field or in the dugouts.

Exposed jewelry, which is deemed dangerous by the umpire, must be removed.